

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel Claims 4, 5, and 24, and amend Claims 1, 13, and 25, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of processing at least one digital graphical non-editable original document represented in a predetermined markup language in which at least one software display program of a browser type is used for displaying such a document, the method comprising the following steps:

i) transforming the non-editable original document displayed in read mode into an editable version in the markup language according to a set of predefined transformation rules, the transformation rules incorporating a set of rules for writing to the document to add into the editable version guidance information capable of guiding a reverse transformation;

ii) interacting via the software display program with the editable version in order to modify the editable version according to the set of writing rules; and

iii) reverse transforming, by using said guidance information, the editable version thus modified into a non-editable version in read mode incorporating the modifications made during step ii).

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the set of predefined transformation rules are not linked to the document.

3. (Original) A method according to Claim 2, wherein the software display program of browser type is capable of using the set of transformation rules for transforming the original document into an editable version.

4.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A method according to Claim 5, wherein the guidance information belongs to the group formed by elements to be removed; elements situated in the modified document in a specific namespace; scripts updating the values of the guidance information; instruction information relating to the creation/modification of attributes.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the direct transformation according to step i) is able to identify each selectable graphical element.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the direct transformation according to step i) is able to incorporate/move nodes written in the SVG type markup language into a non-SVG namespace in order to deactivate the effects of the said nodes, and the reverse transformation according to step iii) is able to retrieve the SVG nodes moved into a non-SVG namespace.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the direct transformation according to step i) comprises a parameter capable of deciding to

retain/remove an animation element.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the direct transformation according to step i) incorporates mutation events able to synchronously modify the document with respect to the initial document.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the direct transformation according to step i) incorporates a mechanism able to modify all or part of the edited document via programs available remotely from the document.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein reverse transformation according to step iii) is able to modify an initialization script in order to save modifications made on graphical elements created by the initialization script.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for processing at least one digital graphical non-editable original document represented in a predetermined markup language in which at least one software display program of a browser type is used for displaying such a document, comprising:

transformation means for transforming the non-editable original document displayed in read mode into an editable version in the markup language according to a set of predefined transformation rules, the transformation rules incorporating a set of rules for writing to the document to add into the editable version guidance information capable of guiding

a reverse transformation;

processing means for interacting via the software display program with the editable version in order to modify the editable version according to the set of writing rules;
and

reverse transformation means for transforming, by using said guidance information, the editable version thus modified into a non-editable version in read mode incorporating the modifications thus made by said processing means.

14. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the set of predefined transformation rules are not linked to the document.

15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said reverse transformation means are able to retrieve, from an edited document, the unedited document.

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said transformation means are able to add guidance information capable of guiding the reverse transformation means.

17. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the guidance information belongs to the group formed by elements to be removed; elements situated in the modified document in a specific namespace; scripts updating the values of the guidance

information; instruction information relating to the creation/modification of attributes.

18. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the said direct transformation means are able to identify each selectable graphical element.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said transformation means are able to incorporate/move nodes written in the SVG type markup language into a non-SVG namespace in order to deactivate the effects of the said nodes, and the said reverse transformation means are able to retrieve the SVG nodes moved into a non-SVG namespace.

20. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said transformation means are adapted to use a parameter capable of deciding to retain/remove an animation element.

21. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said transformation means are adapted to process mutation events able to synchronously modify the document with respect to the initial document.

22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said transformation means comprise a mechanism able to modify all or part of the edited document via programs available remotely from the document.

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said transformation means are able to modify an initialization script in order to save modifications made on graphical elements created by the initialization script.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program that when executed causes a computer to perform a method of processing at least one digital graphical non-editable original document represented in a predetermined markup language, in which at least one software display program of browser type is used for displaying such a document, wherein the method comprises the following steps:

i) transforming the non-editable original document displayed in read mode into an editable version in the markup language according to a set of predefined transformation rules, the transformation rules incorporating a set of rules for writing to the document to add into the editable version guidance information capable of guiding a reverse transformation;

ii) interacting via the software display program with the editable version in order to modify the editable version according to the set of writing rules; and

iii) reverse transforming, by using said guidance information, the editable version thus modified into a non-editable version in read mode incorporating the modifications made during step ii).